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1. The return to school of Central University students after the summer vacation has swelled the ranks of the Juventud Comunista del Ecuador (JCE) organization in Quito, and, in anticipation of increased activity on the part of the JCE, an assembly of Communist Youth directors met at Party headquarters on 24 September 1953 to establish an executive committee for the JCE. The committee is composed of the following:

Patricio CUEVA Jaramillo - President of the JCE¹

Oswaldo CHAVEZ Cevallos - Organization Secretary and delegate to the Executive Committee of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE)

Mario CARDENAS - Finance Secretary

Gandhi BURBANO - Propaganda Secretary

Gustavo GALINDO Velasco - Secretary-General of the JCE.¹ GALINDO is also acting as Propaganda Secretary, during the temporary absence of BURBANO, who is serving a short term as a military conscript in the Ecuadoran army.

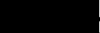
2. One of the most important problems faced by the JCE is the preparation for the coming elections of representatives of the several schools within the Central University (and the Universities of Guayaquil, Loja, and Cuenca) to the council of the Federacion de Estudiantes Universitarios del Ecuador (FEUE) and the subsequent selection of the presidents of the local branches of the FEUE. Members of the Executive Committee of the JCE have recently indicated that they are "getting along well" with Socialist student leaders in the Central University, and that they are hopeful of even greater co-operation with the Socialists this year than they have had in the past.

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